

the clear inside and reaching from the floor to the ceiling, and situate in the southeast corner of the northern room on second floor, which will afford ample room for many years to come for the protection from fire of valuable books, papers and documents and articles of various kinds, which may need such care and preservation. They have also received an estimate from Messrs. Stacy Reeves & Sons to construct and complete the same for the sum of \$278. They therefore submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That the report of the Committee be accepted, and they are directed to have said fireproof constructed under the direction of the architect, in accordance with the plans prepared by them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. SERGEANT PRICE, *Chairman*.

On motion of Mr. Price, the report was accepted, and the resolution contained therein was adopted by the Society.

Mr. Williams offered the following resolution, which after discussion was adopted by the Society :

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the President, to consider and report to the Society upon the advisability of an annual grant for the purpose of aiding the publication or assuming the entire cost of publishing transcripts of the Babylonian tablets, on deposit in the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania.*

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

Stated Meeting, March 18, 1892.

Present, 9 members.

Mr. Wood in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

Letters of envoy were received from the Société de Littéraire Finnoise, Helsingfors; K. Sächsische Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Leipzig; Meteorological Office, London; Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Cambridge, Mass.; Department of State, Washington, D. C.

* The President subsequently appointed Messrs. Williams, Du Bois and Price as such Committee.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from Marquis Antonio de Gregorio, Palermo, Sicily (135); Sir J. W. Dawson, Montreal, Canada (136); Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, N. Y. (135, 136); Geological Society of America, Rochester, N. Y. (136); Prof. Henry Morton, Hoboken, N. J. (136); Dr. Charles B. Dudley, Altoona, Pa. (136); Mr. R. Meade Bache, Hon. Henry Reed, Philadelphia (136); Prof. Charles V. Riley, Washington, D. C. (136); State Experiment Station, Baton Rouge, La. (135, 136); Washburn College, Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, (136); Colorado Scientific Society, Denver, (136); Museo Oaxaqueño, Oaxaca, Mex. (136); Observatorio Astronómico Nacional, Mexicano, Tacubaya (136); Bishop Crescencio Carillo, Merida, Mex. (136).

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Société Littéraire Finnoise, Helsingfors; Colonial Museum, Harlem, Holland; Académie des Sciences, Cracow, Austria; Zoologisch-Botanische Gesellschaft, K. Geologische Reichsanstalt, Anthropologische Gesellschaft, Vienna, Austria; Instituto y Osservatorio de Marina, San Fernando, Spain; Rousdon Observatory, Lyme Regis, Eng; Society of Antiquaries, Meteorological Council, London; Editors of the Journal of Philology, Cambridge; American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Prof. J. A. Allen, New York; Mr. William John Potts, Camden; College of Physicians, Mercantile Library, Superintendent of City Trusts, Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; Chief of Engineers U. S. Army, Lighthouse Board, Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D. C.; Mr. William Harden, Savannah, Ga.; Agricultural Experiment Stations, Burlington, Vt., Geneva, N. Y., State College, Centre County, Pa., Baton Rouge, La.

The decease of the following members was announced:

John Couch Adams, Cambridge, England, January 21, 1892, æt. 73.

Dr. Hermann Kopp, Heidelberg, February 20, 1892, æt. 75.

Thomas Hockley, Philadelphia, March 12, 1892, æt. 54.

Dr. Cope presented some additional matter for his paper in the Transactions, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phillips presented "A Second Contribution to the Study of the Folk-Lore of Philadelphia and its Vicinity."

Pending nomination No. 1233 was read.

The Library Committee reported a minute of its last meeting.

Mr. Bache offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That, if the funds of the Society permit, this room be now put in charge of a Committee, for the purpose of receiving such treatment to its walls, ceiling, and columns as accord with the character of the Society, and that the Society instruct the Curators to exclude from the cases everything but such printed matter as is desirable for ready reference, and from the floor any articles which are not conducive to the primary purpose in this room of convenience of the members of the Society."

After some debate, the consideration of the resolution was postponed until the next stated meeting of the Society.

Dr. Morris moved that the Secretaries be requested to ask from the Academy of Natural Sciences, the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society and the Historical Society the return of all the articles belonging to this Society that are now deposited with them. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Price, as an amendment, it was resolved to refer the resolution to the Curators for the purpose of ascertaining and reporting to the Society exactly what these deposits consist of, where they are and the amount of space that will be required for their proper display in the building.

Mr. Williams offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the busts of Lafayette and Franklin, by Houdon, in the possession of this Society, be loaned to the University Lecture Association for its loan exhibition of French art, at the Academy of Fine Arts, provided that they be returned on or before April 1, under the usual stipulation by the Curators.

And the Society was adjourned by the presiding member.